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REMARKS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants assert that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-18 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-18 have been rejected.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Hoghooghi et al. (US Patent No. 5,959,260), and further in view of Shin et al. (US Patent No. 6,510,235). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection, and in light of the below comments, respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claims.

The Hoghooghi reference deals with methods for entering handwriting input into a cellular appliance. The Examiner has agreed that Hoghooghi does not call for a plurality of activable controls each being associated with a different reference library, and relies upon Shin to purportedly show this element of the claims, citing Shin Fig. 1, elements 95, 80 and 70. Applicants disagree.

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Shin discloses:

A method of storing data in an electronic phone data book for a digital mobile phone, which includes a key input part, display, touch screen for inputting characters, character code storage for storing character and number codes, character database for storing feature data corresponding to character and number codes, and character recognition device. . . (Abstract)

Specifically, with respect to the portion of the Shin reference that the Examiner has pointed to, Shin discloses that "[t]he character recognition device 90 compares the feature data of the input character with the feature data stored in a character database 95, which comprises the coordinate data and state data of various characters, such as the Korean and English alphabets and numbers. If similar feature data is found in the character database 95 within a given error range, its address is transferred to CPU 10 to retrieve the corresponding character code stored in a character code storage 80, which stores the character codes corresponding to the feature data of the character database 95." (col. 2 line 66 – col. 3 line 8).

However, like Hoghooghi, Shin fails to disclose a plurality of activable controls each being associated with a different reference library. Shin refers to a single character database containing all the character libraries, e.g., Korean, English, numbers; however, there is no teaching of a control to activate the different reference libraries.

Therefore, the Hoghooghi and Shin references taken together do not teach "a plurality of activable controls each being associated with a different reference library" as recited in pending claim 1. Claim 1 is therefore deemed to be allowable. Claims 2-7, which depend from claim 1 are also deemed to be allowable. Applicant therefore respectfully requests allowance of claims 1-7.

Claims 8-16, which also recite "a plurality of activable controls each being associated with a different reference library", are likewise allowable over the prior art of record for the reasons provided above.

Applicant further respectfully disagree with the Examiner's rejection of claim 17. In particular, Applicant disagrees with the Examiner's statement that Hoghooghi teaches selecting at least one character set from among a plurality of character sets. The Examiner pointed to Hoghooghi at col. 2 lines 36-48. However, these lines merely state that a character may be written in a digitized area. While the Hoghooghi reference mentions that the there

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may be different handwritten characters, such as digits and numbers (col.2 lines 36-48), there is no mention of different character sets, and certainly no mention of selecting from such character sets. Thus, there is no teaching in Hoghooghi of "selecting at least one character set from among a plurality of character sets." Nor is there any suggestion to modify Hoghooghi to do so. Accordingly, claim 17 is allowable over the prior art of record.

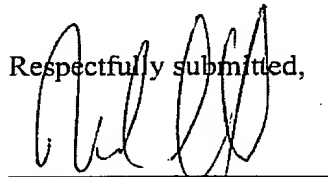
Insofar as the Examiner analyzed claim 18 similarly to claim 17, the above holds true for claim 18. Accordingly, claim 18 is deemed to be allowable over the prior art of record.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the pending claims are deemed to be allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

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